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48 schools receive \$50,000 Title I school improvement grants

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster announced today that 48 schools are sharing \$2.4 million in grants to help them meet their goals for improving student achievement. Fourteen of the grants are going to new schools in the Menominee Indian and Milwaukee Public school districts, and 34 are continuing grants.

“These schools face some of the greatest socioeconomic and student achievement challenges in the state,” Burmaster noted. “Additional funding through these grants will help these schools pursue a number of activities to boost student learning. They may use the funds to increase student tutoring services, expand summer school programming, provide professional staff development, or purchase supplemental instructional materials. The goal is to lift achievement for all students and close the gap between students of color, economically disadvantaged students, and their peers.”

Funding for the grants is from the federal Title I Supplemental School Improvement Program, part of the reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 2001. Grants must be used to supplement current school improvement efforts. Title I schools received grants based on progress on the four annual measurable objectives used to determine adequate yearly progress under Wisconsin’s plan to meet accountability requirements of federal education laws. The objectives are test participation, graduation and attendance criteria, and achievement levels in reading and mathematics.

“Through school improvement grants, federal funding is supporting efforts to target school attendance,” Burmaster said. “Clearly students cannot learn the lessons taught in our classrooms when they are not in school. The collaborative work by the Alliance for Attendance in Milwaukee is bringing the community together to find solutions to improve daily attendance. The success of the Alliance is expanding in Milwaukee and spreading to the Green Bay and Menominee Indian school districts.”

Burmaster announced a total of \$475,000 in funding to support three districts in their efforts to increase student attendance. Grants went to: Green Bay (\$15,000), Menominee Indian (\$85,000), and Milwaukee (\$375,000). Additionally, four districts received additional funding to assist them in

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supporting efforts to lift student achievement in their neediest Title I schools. Districts receiving those grants are the Green Bay Area School District, \$50,000; Kenosha School District, \$100,000; Menominee Indian School District, \$50,000; and Milwaukee Public Schools, \$1,085,000.

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ATTACHMENT: A list of schools receiving Title I Supplemental School Improvement Grants for the 2005-06 school year follows.

Title I School Improvement Grant Recipients*

2005-06 School Year

First-Year Grants

Menominee Indian School District

Menominee Indian High School

Milwaukee Public Schools

Audubon Technology and
Communication Center
Douglass Elementary School
Edison Middle School
Grandview High School
HR Academy of Business and Global Awareness
HR / Educational Possentem
Kilmer South High School
Lady Pitts School-Age Parent Center
Milwaukee Spectrum High School
New Hope Institute of Science
and Technology
Project STAY School-To-Work
Shalom High School
St. Charles Youth and Family Services
Education Center

Continuing Grants

Green Bay School District

Fort Howard Elementary School

Kenosha School District

Edward Bain School of Language and Arts
Reuther Central High School

City of Milwaukee Charter Schools

Central City Cyberschool

Milwaukee Public Schools

Bay View High School
Bell Middle School
Bradley Technology and Trade High School
Bryant Elementary School
Custer High School
Community Academy School
Garfield Avenue Elementary School
Grand Avenue Middle School
Granville Elementary School
Hopkins Street Elementary School
Juneau High School
Kosciuszko Middle School
Madison High School
Malcolm X Academy School
Marshall High School
Metropolitan High School
Milwaukee Education Center
Milwaukee Village School
Muir Middle School
North Division High School
Pulaski High School
Riverside High School
South Division High School
Thirty-Eighth Street Elementary School
Twenty-First Street Elementary School
Vincent High School
Walker SWELL
Wheatley Elementary
Wisconsin Avenue Elementary School

Solon Springs School District

Solon Springs School

Winter School District

Winter Middle School

* Each school receives \$50,000. Grants are renewable if the school meets its goals for improving student achievement.